



HOMELINK

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Dear Children & Parents,

We are still working our way through the guidance released by the government yesterday. My initial instinct is that there is nothing in the guidance that poses insurmountable obstacles for the school. Essentially, the significant amount of work done to prepare for the June 1st means we are in a good place for full re-opening on the 3rd September. In many ways, I think it will be easier than our current operations as we will be running seven classrooms as opposed to the eight classes we currently have. We will spend today and the start of next week updating our risk assessments and will share with you the operational details towards the end of next week.

On the 30th June, the Secretary of State for Education has confirmed that, *"we are not asking schools to open over the summer holidays, and there is no expectation that schools should open for vulnerable children and children of critical workers over this period. Teachers, support staff and school leaders deserve a break, to recharge and rest."* I'm now able to confirm that the school will close on Wednesday 22nd July. This will be the end of what has been a very long academic year. As a school we have remained open every weekday (including bank holidays) since the 24th February. This has added 18 school days (nearly 4 weeks) to the school year. This has been achieved with no additional funding and has been reliant on the flexibility and professionalism of the staff. For me, these additional working days have added a whopping 323 miles to my cycled miles so far this year and as a result, I'm very much looking forward to a break from my bike and work computer. As usual on our last day of term the school will be breaking up just after lunch. The current system for picking up will remain the same with only the timings differing. Reception 1:00pm, Year One 1:10pm, Year Six 1:20pm and Key Workers 1:30pm.

I have again been speaking to representatives of the local authority this week regarding our success in our wider opening. The point was made to me again that we are in a tiny minority of schools that are open to all eligible children on a full time basis. Recent figures show in Hampshire 27.6% of primary school children are in school. In Hart the average was 30.2%. At Newlands attendance on the same day was 45%.

Some of you will have seen me modelling the sample 40th Anniversary Polo Shirt this week; for those that didn't, please see attached (size Medium for reference)! Don't forget to place your order this week to be in with a chance of receiving your shirt(s) before the end of term. Our supplier is aiming to have them with us for at least the last week of term.



William Neighbour

As you've probably heard, the government will be offering free school meals to eligible pupils over the school summer holiday. To see if your child is eligible for free school meals, please visit <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals/hampshire> to check the criteria. Visit www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/hants/ to apply. It is worth pointing out that even if your child currently receives Universal Infant Free School Meals (YR-Y2), if you think you might be eligible under the free school meals criteria you should apply now.



Key Dates

July 2020

22nd Break up for Summer Reception 1:00pm, Year 1:10pm, Year 6 1:20pm Key Workers 1:30pm

September

3rd Children Start Back, Y1—Y6

7th New Reception Class Start

October

9th INSET—School closed to children

23rd Break up for half term at 3.15pm

November

2nd Children Start Back

27th INSET—School closed to children

December

18th Break up for Christmas at 1:30pm

January 2021

4th INSET—School closed to children

5th Children Start Back

February

12th Break up for half term at 3.15pm

22nd Children Start Back

April

1st Break up for Easter at 1:30pm

19th Children Start Back

May

27th Break up for half term at 3.15pm

28th INSET—School closed to children

June

7th Children Start Back

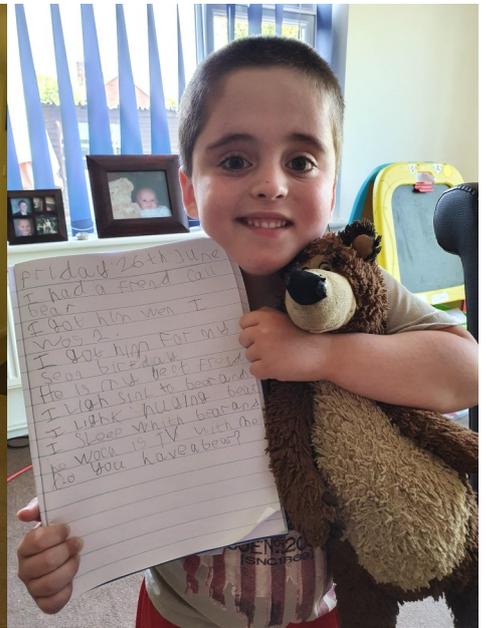
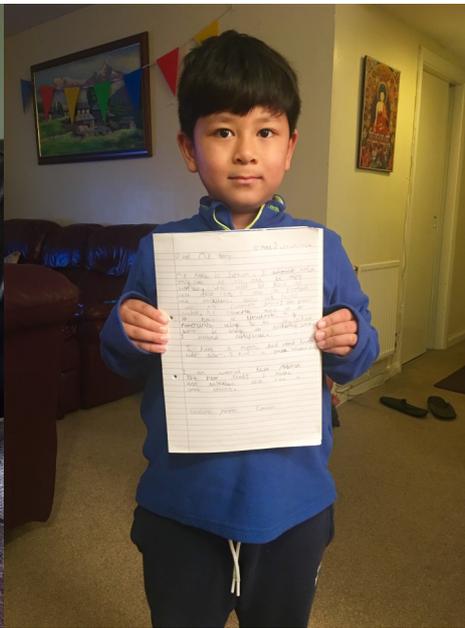
July

2nd INSET—School closed to children

23rd Break up for Summer at 1:30pm

Term dates for next year are on the web-site

PTO for school and home learning photos



Summer Term: 29th June to 3rd July

This week the children have been writing letters to their new teachers. Year six have been experimenting with 3D drawing. Home learning projects have involved making a galaxy and using ICT to write comic strips.

